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SUBJECT: 54 TH ECOSOC: ITEM 12, POPULATION RESOLUTION,

EXPLANATION OF VOTES

1. SUMMARY. LARGELY CONCILIATORY EXPLANATION OF VOTES
MADE 15 MAY IN ECONOMIC COMMITTEE BY SEVEN COUNTRIES
NOT IN FULL AGREEMENT WITH OPO RES APPROVED BY COMMITTEE
14 MAY. IN ADDITION INDIA EXPLANATION DEFENDED
NEED FOR RES. END SUMMARY.

2. INDIA DEL SPEAKING IN SPANISH " IN THE HOPE" LATINS
WOULD UNDERSTAND HIS ARGUMENTS RE THE NEED NOW FOR AN
AIMS AND PURPOSES RES BETTER THAN THEY HAD WHEN HE HAD
PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED THEM IN ENGLISH, SAID THERE WAS NO
CONFLICT BETWEEN ACKNOWLEDGING IMPORTANCE WPC AND FORMULA-
TION NOW OF PRINCIPLES FOR UNFPA WHICH HAD ALSO RECENTLY
HAD ITS CONSTITUTIONAL NATURE CHANGED BY GA IN RES
3019. HE NOTED NO NEGATIVE VOTES ON RES AND THUS CHARACTERIZED
IT AS CONSTITUTING CONSENSUS OF THE COUNCIL

3. HE PRAISED CO- SPONSORS SPIRIT OF COMPROMISE OF
ESPECIALLY THEIR ACCEPTANCE ARGENTINE AMENDMENT RE
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NEED LOOK AT EACH COUNTRY' S POPULATION SITUATION
AS SEPARATE AND UNIQUE. SAID WITH THAT SAFE- GUARDING
AMENDMENT ALL LATIN COUNTRIES SHOULD BE IN POSITON
FULLY SUPPORT RES.

4. FRANCE PLEASED THEIR FIRST AMENDMENT HAD BEEN ACCEPTED BY CO- SPONSORS AND EXPLAINED THEY HAD WITHDRAWN THEIR SECOND AMENDMENT IN SPIRIT OF COMPROMISE AND TO SHOW THEY HAD NO INTENTION IMPEDE UNFPA OR POLICY THRUST OF RES. CONTINUED TO BELIEVE RES PROVIDED TOO LARGE A COORDINATING ROLE FOR UNFPA THAT GOES BEYOND ITS REAL COMPETENCE.
5. FINLAND SAID CLEAR STATEMENT HE HAD OBTAINED MALAYSIAN HEAD OF CO- SPONSORS THAT GC OF UNDP IS " IN PARALLEL WAY" GC OF UNFPA HAD ALLOWED HIM VOTE FOR RES THOUGH HE WOULD HAVE PREFERRED SEE SUCH LANGUAGE EXPLICITLY INCLUDED IN RES RATHER THAN MERELY BY REFERENCE GO GA RES 3019.
6. ARGENTINA THANKED CO- SPONSORS FOR ACCEPTING HIS AMENDMENT AND GENERAL SPIRIT OF COMPROMISE THAT HAD ALLOWED ARGENTINA TO PARTICIPATE IN VOTE (THEY ABSTAINED). BELIEVED IMPORTANT FIRST STEPS TOWARD WORLD CONSENSUS ON POPULATION MATTERS TAKEN OVER LAST FEW MONTHS RESULT GROWING ACCEPTANCE THERE NO UNIFORM SOLUTION TO THE POPULATION PROBLEMS OF COUNTRIES OF WORLD.
7. POLAND SAID IT HAD ABSTAINED ON RES AFTER HAVING VOTED FOR DEFEATED BRAZILIAN AND SPANISH PROPOSED AMENDMENTS BELIEVING THEY BETTER SAFE- GUARDED POLICY AND COORDINATING ROLES OF ECOSOC.
8. USSR- ECHOED POLAND AND WENT ON SAY PORTIONS OF RES (OP PARAS 1 A AND 1 D) WERE CONTRARY TO UN CHARTER. ALSO SAID RES OVEREMPHASIS ON FAMILY PLANNING ELEMENT OF BROAD POPULATION SUBJECT WAS ADDITIONAL REASON IT HAD ABSTAINED ON RES.
9. SWEDEN REITERATED UNTIMELINESS OF SETTING AIRMS AND PURPOSES PRIOR WPC. SAID IT WAS ABLE VOTE FOR RES BECAUSE UNCLASSIFIED

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OF ADDITION OF PREAMBULAR PARA THAT RES IS " MINDFUL... WPC WILL MARK NEW DEVELOPMENT IN POPULATION POLICY..." SAID IF SEPARATE VOTES AHD BEEN TAKEN ON OP PARAS 1 A, 1 B, AND 1 D WOULD HAVE VOTED AGAINST EACH.

10. BRAZIL IN LOW KEY MANNER SAID HE DID NO SHARE VIEW OF INDIA, AND ARGENTINA THAT VOTE ON RES WAS SIGN OF EMERGING CONSENSUS. SAID THAT BEFORE CONSENSUS COULD BE APPROACHED THERE HAD TO BE MUCH MORE TALK ABOUT WORLD POPULATION PLAN OF ACTION IN POP COMMISSION AND IN ECOSOC AND THAT PRESENT OVEREMPHASIS ON FAMILY PLANNING AS PARAMOUNT ELEMENT OF WPPA AND KEY TO SOLVING DEVELOPMENT NEEDS OF LDC' S HAD TO BE CORRECTED.

11. SPAIN THANKED EVERYONE WHO VOTED FOR ITS AMENDMENTS,
SAID IT HAD FAVORED THE DEFEATED ALTERNATIVE BRAZILIAN
AMENDMENTS LANGUAGE FOR OP PARAS 1 AND 2 BUT HAD VOTED
FOR RES. IN SPIRIT OF COOPERATION.
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